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ALBANY "FRIENDS" HONOR MELVILLE

Credit Times-Union, Albany, N.Y.

During the noon hour on June 27, 1953 a diverse group of people assembled in downtown Albany, New York, to take part in a historical occasion -- the placing of a marker before the house at Clinton Square where Herman Melville lived as a youth. Attentive despite intense heat and the threat of a thunder storm, the audience heard Dr. Albert B. Corey, State Historian, present a marker on which were the words: "Herman Melville author of 'Moby Dick' studied and worked during formative years in Albany 1830-1838. Family home at 3 Clinton Square 1834-1838." The marker was accepted for Albany by Justice Francis Bergan, president of the Albany Public Library Board of Trustees and member of the Friends of Library executive committee. An illuminating talk followed on Melville's years in Albany, given by Dr. William H. Gilman, assistant professor of English at the University of Rochester, and author of Melville's early life and Redburn.

This belated recognition of a great American novelist was sparked by C.R. Roseberry, columnist and feature writer for the Albany Times-Union, and member of the Albany Friends of Library executive committee. Mr. Roseberry became interested in the observance of the centenary of Moby Dick in 1951 and at that time suggested to the group that they secure as speaker Dr. Luther S. Mansfield, editor of the centennial edition, former president of the National Melville Society, and professor of American history and literature at Williams College. Dr. Mansfield not only consented to come to Albany in 1952 but graciously gave his token fee to the Albany Public Library toward the purchase of the new edition of Melville's works.

So great was the interest in Dr. Mansfield's excellent paper that the Friends of Library determined to take as their next year's project the recording for history of Melville's residence in Albany. At subsequent meetings of the executive committee, plans were made for application for a marker to the Archives and History Division of the Education Department and for the working out of a public ceremony. Mr. Roseberry continued to contribute his ideas and energy to the project. He suggested that Dr. Gilman, whose researches had established the authenticity of Melville's Albany and Troy residences, be asked to speak and that Melville's grandnieces, Miss Helen Gansevoort Morewood of New York

City and Miss Agnes Morewood of Pittsfield, be invited as guests at a joint observance in Albany and Troy. A luncheon at which Dr. Gilman spoke informally was an added feature in Albany, after which a marker was placed before the house in Troy where Melville had lived.

The Albany Friends of the Library group was formed in 1948 by the library subcommittee of the City Club's municipal committee, of which the writer was chairman. The ALA "Friends of Library" manual was an invaluable help in its organization. Following suggestions there incorporated, an executive committee of representative citizens was invited to attend a luncheon at the City Club at which L. Marion Moshier, director of the Library Extension Division, New York State Library, spoke on "Why Friends of the Library?", outlining activities possible for the group.

Each year the Albany "Friends" have sponsored a public lecture by an author, including Guy McCrone, John J. Vrooman, Louis C. Jones, Dr. Mansfield, Granville Hicks, and most recently, on November 30 last, Walker Gibson. They have joined in observing the 50th anniversary of the John V.L. Pruyn Branch of the Albany Public Library, in an Open House at the Pine Hills Branch and at the New Scotland Avenue Branch where an exhibit of books by Albany authors, many of whom were present during the evening, aroused great interest.

Every event has been well publicized -- through newspapers, the radio and exhibits -- and all have brought to the community greater awareness of the importance of books and reading. Further projects, such as a neon sign to note the John V.L. Pruyn, business branch of the Albany Public Library, are now being planned.

Representing the citizenry of Albany, the Friends give support to the typically American institution, the free public library.

Florence Boochever

Recent Books

A SELECTION

Suggested by Florence Boochever, Book Information Section

Recommendations: *of first interest; Y for young people; P for prisons; R for reformatories; H for mental hospitals.

Nonfiction

YP *Ausubel, Nathan. Pictorial history of the Jewish people; from Bible
RH times to our own day throughout the world. Crown. $5.
This well-printed quarto, with maps and a wealth of illustrations, clarifies and makes visual the long record of the Jews. Selected English bibliography, index. 296
Festivals of the Jewish year; a modern interpretation and guide, by T.H. Gaster (Sloane. $4. 296) traces readably and authoritatively the evolution of each festival and compares the customs and ceremonies with those of other peoples. Indexes to poems translated, bibliography.

YP *Barker, Felix. The Oliviers. Lippincott. $5.
RH Access to personal letters and cooperation with both Sir Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh have resulted in a delightfully readable biography by the noted drama critic. Photographs. Index. B or 92

Baruch, Mrs D.W. How to live with your teen-ager. McGraw-Hill. $3.75.
Understanding, helpful volume on the adolescent with examples from everyday, by a leading child psychologist. 136.73

YP *Beebe, C.W. Unseen life of New York; as a naturalist sees it.
RH Duell; Little. $4.
A distinguished scientist reveals the latent magic of a familiar city by writing of the natural world he knows so intimately. Drawings. 574

YP *Botkin, B.A. & Harlow, A.F., eds. A treasury of railroad folklore.
RH Crown. $4.
"The stories, tall tales, traditions, ballads and songs of the American railroad man." (Subtitle) A rich and varied collection, similar in format to the other "Treasury" books edited by Botkin. Drawings and music. Appendix, index. 398

YP *Bourdon, R.S. Modern skiing. Lippincott. $2.95.
R In simple text and action photographs, an instructor at the Stowe Ski School offers practical help for the beginner, the intermediate and the expert on techniques, care of equipment and improvement of skills. Diagrams. Glossary. 796.93

*Brams, W.A. Managing your coronary. Lippincott. $2.95.
Valuable to patient, relatives and friends, this sane, encouraging

book by a specialist explains through actual cases and in simple language the nature of coronary thrombosis, the aim of treatment and the prospects for employment. Drawings. 616.3

PR Brant, Irving. James Madison, Secretary of State, 1800-1809. Bobbs-
H Merrill. $6.
A striking parallel to the current political scene is furnished in the fourth volume of this definitive biography which further illumines Madison's relations with Jefferson and his diplomacy in foreign and domestic affairs. Photographs. Notes, index. B or 92

PR Bruce, James. Those perplexing Argentines. Longmans. $5.
H In candid, discerning observations that help explain "how and why they are what they are today," the U.S. ambassador to the Argentine, 1947-49, presents a warm, anecdotal study of an important people. 918.2

Chamberlain, Mrs Narcissa. Old rooms for new living. Hastings House. $4.50.
"Being a collection of early American interiors, authentic in design, various in period, and suitable for today's living, this is a treasury of tradition for the home decorator." (Subtitle) Mainly fine photographs by Samuel Chamberlain with explanatory captions and introductory text. Index. 747

YP *Churchill, W.L.S. The second World War. v.6: Triumph and tragedy.
RH Houghton. $6.
Concludes the invaluable "personal narrative" of the second World War from the Normandy landings on June 6, 1944 to the Prime Minister's resignation, July 26, 1945. Maps, diagrams. Appendixes, index. 940.53

YP *Collier, S.F. Down East. Houghton. $5.
RH Filled with the legends and flavor of a quaint, unspoiled region, this charming quarto, enhanced with beautiful photographs, describes a 14-day automobile tour from Camden, Me. through Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and the Gaspe, ending in Quebec. Map on endpapers. 917.1

YP Croy, Homer. Our Will Rogers. Duell; Little. $3.75.
RH Based on interviews with many who knew Will Rogers at different stages of his life and on the author's business association with him, this is a well-rounded picture of the beloved humorist and his adventures as actor, lecturer and writer. Sources, index. B or 92

YP *Davis, C.B., ed. Eyes of boyhood. Lippincott. $3.75.
R From the works of 24 American authors the editor has made memorable selections of interest to both adults and the "normal boy," including a provocative introduction and notes on contributors. 810.82

Dean, G.E. Report on the atom; what you should know about the atomic energy program of the United States. Knopf. $5.
The former chairman, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, 1950-53, describes "in straightforward and simple terms" facts which should be understood "if we are to survive and handle ourselves wisely in the atomic age." Photographs. Index. 541.2

YP *Diamond, Freda. The story of glass. Harcourt. $3.75.

RH Informal, fact-crammed volume, tracing the history of glass and showing its use in the decorative arts, in windows, mirrors, lenses, lighting, in science and modern industry. Photographs. Index. 666

Drepperd, C.W. Handbook of tomorrow's antiques. Crowell. $3.95.
Brimming over with ideas and enthusiasm, these collected essays hold out innumerable possibilities for collecting antiques that express the American way of life. Copiously illustrated. Full contents. 749
How to restore china, bric-a-brac and small antiques, by R.F. Yates (Harper. $3. 708.04) deals with the repair of low-cost antiques by methods requiring ordinary skills and equipment. Helpful photographs and drawings. Index.

Y *Elicker, V.W. Biblical costumes for church and school. Barnes. $6.
How basic garments can be used or adapted to re-create character and period is shown in a practical volume with a fund of ideas and techniques for low budgets and inexperienced workers. Diagrams. Bibliography, references, index. 792

PR *Freemantle, Anne, ed. A treasury of early Christianity. Viking. $6.
Comprehensive, topically arranged anthology of prose and poetry by the Church Fathers, providing "an irreplaceable source of nourishment and delight." Bibliography, index. 281

YP *Jones, E.S. Growing spiritually. Abingdon-Cokesbury. $1.50.
RH Each page in this small book of daily devotions for individual or group use contains a Bible reference, Dr. Jones's message, a brief prayer and affirmation, all linked to the theme of developing Christian maturity. 242.2

Laurie, Joe, jr. Vaudeville: from the honkytonks to the Palace. Holt. $5.
Breezy, colloquial, definitive history of vaudeville, recapturing the zest, good humor and aliveness of the two-a-day through a chronicle of big names, acts, theaters and places. Index. 792.2

PR Morgan, D.L. Jedediah Smith and the opening of the West. Bobbs-Merrill. $4.50.
This well-documented biography vigorously portrays "an authentic American hero" who went to the Rockies in 1822 on a fur-trading venture and in one short decade did much to shape our national life. Map on endpapers, photographs. Appendixes, notes, index. B or 92

PR *Morison, S.E. By land and by sea. Knopf. $5.
H A collection of essays and addresses reflecting the noted historian's wide interests, charm of style and ability to bring color and excitement to his scholarly writings of America's past. Index. 973.04

P Munthe, G.L., & Uexkull, Gudrun. The story of Alex Munthe; tr. from the Swedish by Malcolm Munthe. Dutton. $3.75.
Detailing the career and cultural interests of the Swedish physician who wrote The story of San Michele, this informal biography presents him as a fascinating, eccentric humanitarian with cosmopolitan friendships. Photographs. Index. B or 92

Murphy, R.C. & Amadon, Dean. Land birds of America. McGraw-Hill. $12.50.
This handsome quarto, published with the cooperation of the American

Museum of Natural History, combines scientifically accurate text with photographs, many in color, of birds in their natural environment. Index. Well worth its cost. 598.29

In Birds as individuals, by Len Howard (Doubleday. $4. 598.2), a professional musician shares her experiences with birds in her Sussex cottage, writing with originality and charm of their behavior and song. Photographs, drawings, musical notations, index.

Mursell, J.L. How to make and break habits. Lippincott. $3.95.
With many case histories the author of Streamline your mind shows how the "machinery of living" is controlled by habits which can be learned or unlearned for greater happiness and effectiveness. Index. 158.43

*Newman, W.S. Understanding music; a new introduction to music's elements, styles and forms -- for both the layman and the practitioner. Harper. $3.75.
This singularly attractive book makes clear "not only the how but the why of music's basic operations." Photographs, charts, music examples. Related readings, appendixes, index. 780.15

Accents on opera; a series of brief essays stressing known and little known facts and facets of a familiar art, by Boris Goldovsky (Farrar. $4. 782) is based on the popular intermission program of the Metropolitan broadcast, "Opera News on the Air." Photographs, music.

Good listening, by R.D. Darrell (Knopf. $2.75. 780.15) gives the intelligent listener specific, direct help in building a personal record collection of "art" music. An index-discography includes a recommended long-playing disc edition of each work mentioned.

YP R Olsen, O.R. Two eggs on my plate; tr. from the Norwegian by F.H. Lyon. Rand McNally. $4.50.
A young Norwegian's modest account of his daring experiences with the Underground in World War II as amateur photographer and trained radio operator transmitting reports of Nazi activities to England. Map on endpapers, photographs. 940.54

PR *Osgood, Cornelius. Winter. Norton. $3.75.
Sent by the Canadian government in 1928 to study the lesser known Indian tribes of the Great Bear Lake region, the author sensitively recalls his impressions of a desolate, primitive country and his adaptation to aloneness during an arctic winter. Map, chapter heads. 917.12

*Paul, Samuel, & Stone, R.B. The complete book of home modernizing; ideas that improve the appearance, add to the comfort, increase the value. Stuttman. $5.95.
Men with "know-how" give practical advice on latest construction methods, modern appliances and materials. Quarto, fully illustrated with plans and photographs, some in color. Bibliography, glossary. 728.6

*How to finish your attic and basement yourself, by A.G. Lockwood and N.E. Stanton (Barrows. $3.50. 694) is an easy-to-use book for the amateur, describing the methods of professional carpenters "to save time, money and materials." Photographs, diagrams. Glossary, index.

Practical upholstering, by Commercial Trades Institute instructional staff (McGraw-Hill. $5.95. 645) explains step by step to the home craftsman or student fundamental procedures employed by skilled tradesmen. Photographs, diagrams. Appendixes, index.

Y Reinfeld, Fred. Treasury of the world's coins. Sterling. $3.95.
Arranged by country, this comprehensive guide, equally useful to collector and investor, gives practical advice on the care of a collection and lists market values, rates of exchange and American coin clubs. Quarto. Photographs. Index. 737.4

Y *Fell's International coin book, by Jacques Del Monte (Fell. $2.50. 737.4) is a handy guide listing foreign coins alphabetically by country with complete information on identification and collecting and the current value in American money. Illustrations. Glossary, bibliography, index. (Pub. date: Jan. 18)

Rex, Mrs S.H. Choice hooked rugs. Prentice-Hall. $6.
An experienced teacher and craftsman presents a complete guide to rug hooking from beginning to advanced stages, including its history, a teachers' manual and the commercial side. Photographs and designs. Bibliography, index. 746

Warburg, J.P. Germany, key to peace. Harvard Univ. Press. $4.75.
Cogent, informed plea for the revision of United States policy in Europe, and particularly, in Germany. Bibliography, index. 943.08

*Woodring, Paul. Let's talk sense about our schools. McGraw-Hill. $3.50.
A professor of psychology at Western Washington College offers parents, teachers and alert citizens a stimulating, middle-of-the-road discussion of public education today. Related reading in appendix. 370

YP Wright, Orville. How we invented the airplane; ed. by Fred C. Kelly.
RH McKay. $1.75.
Found among the Wright papers in the Library of Congress, this testimony given by the author in a government lawsuit, provides a short, detailed account of the steps that led to the first airplane flight. Additional material by the editor. Diagrams. 629.13

Fiction

YP *Burress, John. Apple on a pear tree. Vanguard. $3.50.
RH Sympathetic evocation of the confused world of an 11-year-old boy as he adjusts to a new home, a stepfather and an infant brother on a Tennessee farm in 1925. Sequel to Little Mule.

YP De La Roche, Mazo. The Whiteoak brothers: Jalna--1923. Little. $3.75.
RH Told with gaiety and skilful characterization, the latest in the popular series finds Adeline at 98 still in command, Eden persuading most of the clan to invest in a dubious scheme, and Renny eluding the clutches of a designing English cousin.

YP *Forbes, Esther. Rainbow on the road. Houghton. $3.75.
RH Through the eyes of a young boy a quixotic, itinerant limner is unforgettably portrayed in this authentic New England tale of the 1830s as he wanders about having fun and being sometimes mistaken for the rapscallion, Ruby Lambkin. (Pub. date: Jan. 26)

PR *Goudge, Elizabeth. The heart of the family. Coward-McCann. $3.75.
H At the Eliot's ancestral home, Dameroshay, known to readers of The

bird in the tree and Pilgrim's inn, a once-famous Austrian pianist, now a bitter emigre, finds healing for his wounded spirit in a charmingly written novel with "other-world" atmosphere and lovely descriptions of the English countryside.

PR Irwin, Mrs M.E.F. Elizabeth and the Prince of Spain. Harcourt. $3.50.
H Dealing with the stormy marriage of conniving Philip of Spain and Queen Mary, this third volume in the "Elizabeth" series shows with wit and skill how Elizabeth manages to keep her brother-in-law as an ally until she attains her coronation.

Kent, Mrs L.A. "...with kitchen privileges." Houghton. $3.
For Mrs. Appleyard, on a rice diet, the only solution to financial difficulties was to convert her old home near Boston into apartments and how well the dreaded change agrees with her as she shares her culinary secrets with struggling young tenants and proves helpful in domestic crises is the theme of this entertaining novel.

YP *Stuart, Jesse. The good spirit of Laurel Ridge. McGraw-Hill. $3.50.
R How the arrival of "Old Op's" long-lost daughter and other city folk temporarily disrupts the wise old hermit's peaceful life in the Kentucky hills is told with believable whimsy and homespun humor in this colorful, poetic tale by the author of Taps for Private Tussie.

YP Thane, Elswyth, pseud. The lost general. Duell; Little. $3.50.
R Facile, pleasing romance about an attractive, young Massachusetts teacher who journeys to South Carolina to do research on a Revolutionary general and whose interest is diverted to three living men.

YP *Thirkell, Mrs A.M. Jutland Cottage. Knopf. $3.50.
RH Many old favorites and some newcomers appear in the latest of the engaging Barsetshire chronicles which details the community's successful efforts to find a husband for Margot Phelps, devoted companion to her impoverished, invalid parents.

Welty, Eudora. The Ponder heart. Harcourt. $3.
Edna Earle, who runs the Beulah Hotel in the town of Clay, rattles on about her erratic Uncle Daniel and his weakness for giving things away in a highly original, wickedly amusing novelette, which appeared in full in The New Yorker, Dec. 5, 1953. (Pub. date: Jan. 7)

YP *West, Jessamyn. Cress Delehanty. Harcourt. $3.75.
R In story-sketches that reveal with touching humor an adolescent's real problems from her 12th to her 16th year, likable Cress grows up on a California ranch, making her mark at school, exploring the strange ways of "boys," and being always loved and cherished by her often bewildered parents. Some sections of the book, in different form, have appeared in magazines.

Wolfe, Edgar. Widow man. Little. $3.
When one-legged Tom Way, a white man, loses his Negro wife, he seriously contemplates leaving Quarry Hill, but his change of heart is tenderly and realistically conveyed as his attractive neighbor, a deserted mother, takes an interest in him.

"HEAP ON MORE WOOD . . . "

Wintry Reading. Suggested by the Children's Librarians of The Queens Borough Public Library, Jamaica, New York

Burton, V.L. Katy and the Big Snow; illus. by the author. Houghton. $2.50. A cheerful, hard-working tractor clears the streets of snow-bound Geoppolis. (Picture-book age)

Coatsworth, E.J. Here I Stay. Coward-McCann. $2.90. With serenity and courage Margaret faces a winter of isolation in a New England clearing. (Y.P.)

Davis, L.R. Roger and the Fox; illus. by Hildegard Woodward. Doubleday. $2. Nature-loving Roger makes use of the snow to surprise his quarry. (7-10)

Eldon, Magdalen. Snow Bumble; illus. by the author. Scribner. $1.75. A lovable little dog helps his woodland friends through a bitter season. (5-9)

Ellsberg, Edward. Cruise of the Jeannette. Dodd, Mead. $2.75. The saga of an ill-fated American Polar expedition of the 19th century, narrated as one of the survivors might have told it. (Y.P.)

Hill, M.B. The Snowed-in Family; illus. by the author. Lippincott. $2.25. While a blizzard grips Ducklight Cove, Judy Jo and Susie unravel the mystery surrounding the strangers at the inn. (7-11)

Kingman, Lee. Philippe's Hill; illus. by Hildegard Woodward. Doubleday. $2. A French-Canadian boy has fun and adventure skiing on his Laurentian Mountain farm. (6-9)

McCracken, Harold. Pirate of the North. Lippincott. $3. A youth and a wolverine match wits in a snow-covered Alaskan valley. (11-16)

Rounds, Glen. Lone Muskrat; illus. by the author. Holiday House. $2.25. With occasional forays to break the monotony, Old Muskrat spends the winter comfortably housed in the bank of a pond. (For nature-lovers 9-12)

Schlein, Miriam. Go with the Sun; illus. by Symeon Shimin. W.R. Scott. $2. Peter learns how creatures pass the winter, and why their ways differ from those of human children. (Picture-book age.)

Schmeltzer, Kurt. The Long Arctic Night. Watts. $2.50. The tragic failure of William Barents' search for a Northeast Passage makes a story full of courage and faith. (Y.P.)

Walden, A.E. Skymountain. Morrow. $2.50. It is the superior skiing instruction that first attracts Robin to the New England college in which she will encounter heartbreak and romance. (Girls 12-16)

Edited by Ethna Sheehan for the New York Library Association Section for Children's and Young People's Librarians.

Free and Inexpensive
MATERIAL

Listed by Mary S. Lindsey, Reference Section

A Miscellany

Cash for you and your family; your new social security benefits. Industrial Relations Institute, Division of Commodity Research Publications Corp. 82 Beaver St., New York 5. 1953. 32p.

A discussion of family money; how budgets work and what they do. Rev. ed. Women's Division. Institute of Life Insurance. 488 Madison Ave., New York 22. 1952. 24p. free.

Going-to-college handbook. vol. 8, 1954. Outlook Publishers, 1 North 6th St., Richmond 19, Va. 56p. c1953. 50¢.

Goodrich, L.M. Korea; collective measures against aggression. International conciliation no. 494. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Orders sent to Columbia University Press. 2960 Broadway, New York 27. Oct. 1953. 129-192p. 25¢.

McShane, R.J. Portable electric tools and how to use them. Popular Mechanics Press. 200 East Ontario St., Chicago 11, Ill. 1952. 96p. 75¢.

A miss and her money. Available from Mrs. Marion Stevens Eberly. Institute of Life Insurance. 488 Madison Ave., New York 22. n.d. [20p.] free.

Personal money management. Savings & mortgage division. American Bankers Association. 12 East 36th St., New York. 1952. 32p. 25¢.

Robbins, Josie. Paper bag puppets. Washington Book Store, Inc. 4316 University Way, Seattle 5, Wash. Dec. 1952. 21p. 45¢.

Robbins, Josie. Spool marionettes. Washington Book Store, Inc. 4316 University Way, Seattle 5, Wash. March, 1952. 23p. 45¢.

Uhl, Alexander. The assault on the U.N. Public Affairs Institute. 312 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E. Washington 3, D.C. 1953. 35p. 25¢.

Your United Nations. United Nations Department of Public Information. Sales no. 1952, 1.33. New York. Oct. 1952. 53p. 50¢. Informational guide for the Headquarters.

Youth discussion: patterns and techniques. Junior Town Meeting League. 400 South Front St., Columbus 15, Ohio. 1953. 32p. free.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES IN NEW YORK STATE

(As Indicated on 1952 Progress Report)

Place	Library	Name of Organization
Albany	Albany Public	Albany Friends of the Library
Ausable Forks	Ausable Forks Free	Friends of the Ausable Forks Free Library
Bay Shore	Bay Shore Public	Bay Shore Public Library Club
Bellmore	Bellmore Memorial	Friends of the Bellmore Memorial Library
Belmont	Belmont Free	Friends of the Belmont Free Library
Blue Point	Blue Point Public	Friends of the Blue Point Public Library
Boonville	Erwin Library and Institute	Friends of the Erwin Library and Institute
Boston	Boston Free	Friends of the Boston Free Library
Briarcliff Manor	Briarcliff Free	Friends of the Briarcliff Free Library
Brookhaven	Brookhaven Free	Fireplace Literary Club
Brooklyn	Brooklyn Public	Friends of the Brooklyn Public Library
Brownville	Brownville Glen Park	Friends of the Brownville Glen Park Library
Caledonia	Caledonia Library	Friends of the Caledonia Library
Callicoon	Delaware Free	Friends of the Delaware Free Library
Camden	Camden Public	Friends of the Camden Public Library
Cicero	Cicero Free Public	Cicero Free Public Library Guild
Clyde	Galen Free	Friends of the Galen Free Library
Cold Spring	Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library	Friends of the Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library
Corinth	Corinth Free	Friends of the Corinth Free Library
Corning	Corning Public	Friends of the Corning Public Library
Delmar	Delmar Public	Friends of the Delmar Public Library
Dobbs Ferry	Dobbs Ferry Free	Friends of the Dobbs Ferry Free Library
Dunkirk	Dunkirk Free	Friends of the Dunkirk Free Library
East Aurora	East Aurora Free	Friends of the East Aurora Free Library

Place	Library	Name of Organization
East Rochester	East Rochester Public	Friends of the East Rochester Public Library
Elma	Elma Public	Friends of the Elma Public Library
Elmont	Elmont and Stewart Manor Public	Friends of the Elmont and Stewart Manor Public Libraries
Fairport	Fairport Public	Friends of the Fairport Public Library
Farmingdale	Farmingdale Free	Friends of the Farmingdale Free Library
Floral Park	Floral Park Public	Friends of the Floral Park Public Library
Glens Falls	Crandall Library	Friends of the Crandall Library
Grafton	Grafton Free	Grafton Community League
Groton	Groton Public	Friends of the Groton Public Library
Harrison	Harrison Free	Friends of the Harrison Free Library
Hempstead	Hempstead Public	Friends of the Hempstead Public Library
Henderson	Henderson Free	Friends of the Henderson Free Library
Hewlett	Hewlett-Woodmere Public	Friends of the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library
Hicksville	Hicksville Free Public	Friends of the Hicksville Free Public Library
Ithaca	Cornell Public	Friends of the Cornell Public Library
Jamaica	Queens Borough Public	Friends of the Queens Borough Public Library
La Fayette	LaFayette Public	Friends of the LaFayette Public Library
Lake George	Mountainside Free	Friends of the Mountainside Free Library
Lawrence	Peninsula Public	Friends of the Peninsula Public Library
Levittown	Levittown Public	Friends of the Levittown Public Library
Malverne	Malverne Public	Friends of the Malverne Public Library
Manhasset	Manhasset Public	Friends of the Manhasset Public Library
Merrick	Merrick Library	Friends of the Merrick Library
Mineola	Mineola Public	Friends of the Mineola Public Library
New Rochelle	New Rochelle Public	Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library
Oceanside	Oceanside Free	Friends of the Oceanside Free Library
Oneida	Oneida Library	Friends of the Oneida Library

Place	Library	Name of Organization
Orchard Park	Orchard Park Free	Friends of the Orchard Park Free Library
Owego	Coburn Free	Friends of the Coburn Free Library
Perry	Perry Public	Mutual Friends Club
Pike	Pike Library	Friends of the Pike Library
Pleasant Valley	Pleasant Valley Free	Friends of the Pleasant Valley Free Library
Pound Ridge	Hiram Halle Memorial	Friends of the Hiram Halle Memorial Library
Red Hook	Red Hook Public	Friends of the Red Hook Public Library
Rochester	Irondequoit Library Association	Friends of the Irondequoit Library Association
Roosevelt	Roosevelt Community	Friends of the Roosevelt Community Library
Saranac Lake	Saranac Lake Free	Friends of the Saranac Lake Free Library
Saratoga Springs	Saratoga Springs Public	Friends of the Saratoga Springs Public Library
Scarsdale	Scarsdale Public	Friends of the Scarsdale Public Library
Seneca Falls	Mynderse Library	Mynderse Library Association
Setauket	Emma S. Clark Memorial	Friends of the Emma S. Clark Memorial Library
Sherrill	Sherrill-Kenwood Free Library	Friends of the Sherrill-Kenwood Free Library
Shrub Oak	John C. Hart Memorial	Friends of the John C. Hart Memorial Library
Sidney	Sidney Public	Friends of the Sidney Public Library
Skaneateles	Skaneateles Library Association	Friends of the Skaneateles Library Association
South New Berlin	South New Berlin Free	Fortnightly Study Club
Spring Valley	Finkelstein Memorial	Friends of the Finkelstein Memorial Library
Stockton	Mary E. Seymour Memorial	Friends of the Mary E. Seymour Memorial Library
Stone Ridge	Stone Ridge Library	Stone Ridge Library Association
Syracuse	Syracuse Public	Friends of the Syracuse Public Library
Trumansburg	Ulysses Philomathic	Friends of the Ulysses Philomathic Library
Valatie	Valatie Free	Friends of the Valatie Free Library
Webster	Webster Public	Friends of the Webster Public Library
Wellsville	David A. Howe Public	Friends of the David A. Howe Public Library
White Plains	White Plains Public	Friends of the White Plains Public Library
Wilson	Wilson Free	Friends of the Wilson Free Library

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Activities in Libraries

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Library Extension

Broome County. Binghamton Public Library celebrated Book Week by holding a book fair on the theme "Christmas Gift Suggestions", which exhibit will continue through December. Lisl Weil, author and illustrator, gave chalk talks to 200 enthusiastic children as well as to an adult group. The celebration included a tea, an autographing party and a television appearance. --Your Home Public Library in Johnson City was host to several classes of school children during Book Week and a book display was placed in a centrally located store window. --First through fifth grade children in Endicott received invitations to take part in an interesting game at the George F. Johnson Memorial Library. Comic strip picture puzzles demanded character identification in the "What is my name" game. Examination of the new books at the library was necessary to answer the puzzle.

Chemung County. A museum-library TV program was initiated on November 5 on Station WECT. Each week on Thursday evening at 7:45 P.M., the Steele Memorial Library at Elmira, the Corning Public Library or one of the museums in the area, sponsors an educational program. Mrs. Thelma R. King, director of the Steele Memorial Library is co-ordinator.

Clinton County - Essex County. The Clinton County Board of Supervisors have appropriated $3400 to bring Clinton County's expenditures for library books, periodicals and bindings up to 15 cents per capita, and appointed a committee of eight lay members to study the feasibility of a multi-county library service system, cooperating with Essex County. On December 5, this Clinton-Essex County Library Aid Committee met in Elizabethtown in the Board of Supervisors chambers. Wayne Byrne of Plattsburgh and W. Hustace Hubbard of Elizabethtown were elected co-chairmen, and Richard Lawrence of Elizabethtown was elected general committee co-ordinator. Essex County libraries are already expending over 15 cents per capita for books, periodicals and binding, so that no additional appropriation was necessary by the Essex County Board of Supervisors to meet this standard for state aid to a county or multi-county library system.

Greene County. Catskill Public Library celebrated Book Week with an extensive exhibit of children's books and a tea for members of the school faculties.

Nassau County. Freeport Memorial Library is again sponsoring a course for library personnel in Nassau and Suffolk counties. On six Wednesday evenings beginning December 9 and continuing through February 3,

Mrs. W. Tresper Clarke, formerly children's librarian in the New York Public Library, now on the part-time staff of Freeport Memorial Library, will conduct a course in Children's Literature. --Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, a one-day book sale of new publications was held on December 2 at the Levittown Public Library. --Friends of the Malverne Public Library heard Ed Reid, author of "Shame of the City" and Eleazer Lipsky who wrote "Lincoln McKeever" speak at the annual book and author dinner. --Amateur artists exhibited their work in "An Evening with Artists" at Merrick's Lakeside School. This community program, sponsored by the Friends of the Merrick Library, included three technicolor films on the work of Toulouse-Lautrec and Grandma Moses. --Elizabeth Miller, librarian at the Westbury Children's Library, spoke on children's books at a meeting of the Nassau-Suffolk branch of the Association for Childhood Education. --East Meadow Citizens Committee for Public Schools recommended reorganization of the Friends of the Library Committee which waged an unsuccessful campaign for a library last spring. Ruth Miller, librarian of The Levittown Public Library addressed the group. --On December 3, Nassau County Library Association met at the Lynbrook Public Library for a business meeting and program which consisted of a demonstration by a fourth grade of "How the story becomes a play". This demonstration was under the leadership of Grace M. Stanistreet, director, Children's Theatre, Adelphi College.

New York. Succeeding Paul North Rice, who retired, Edward G. Freehafer will become Chief of the Reference Department, New York Public Library on January 1, 1954. Mr. Freehafer has held a variety of positions at the New York Public Library and Brown University. Most recently he has been Chief of the Personnel Office. --The annual pamphlet, "Children's Books Suggested as Holiday Gifts", is being distributed free from New York City libraries. It may be obtained for ten cents a copy by writing to the New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, New York 18, New York. All the books listed can be seen in an exhibit in the Children's Room. --"Flight", an exhibition celebrating the Wright brothers' invention but extending in range far beyond the 50 years of powered flight, opened on December 10 in the lobby of the New York Public Library. This exhibit, one of the largest ever displayed by the library, will be on view until March. --The New York Public Library has, after three years of study, developed a new set of filing rules which are intended to simplify library filing to as great an extent as possible. Gertrude Moakley, of the Catalog Office, was chairman of the committee which developed the new rules. Copies of the 60-page filing code may be borrowed from Interbranch Loan, The New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue & 42nd Street, New York 18, New York.

Onondaga County. The Syracuse Public Library has started a weekly television program for pre-school children, conducted by Doris E. Wise, head of the Children's Department, assisted by other staff members.

Rensselaer County. The Arvilla E. Diver Memorial Library of Schaghticoke inaugurated a story hour this summer which proved very successful. Several of the women of the community donated their services as story tellers. --White House Memorial Library of Berlin held a food sale to raise money for special funds. The circulation showed an increase due

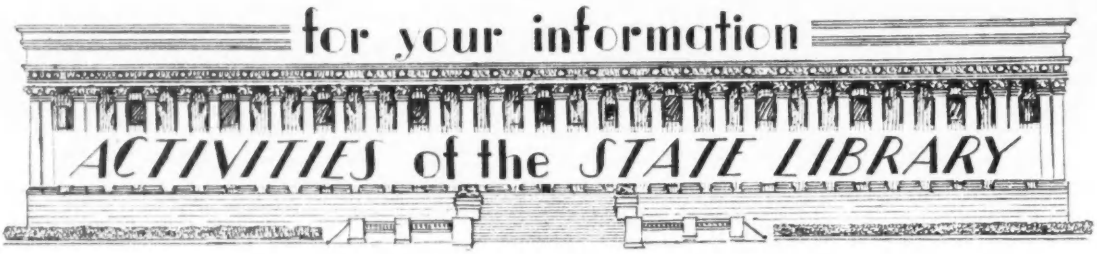
to summer residents. --Mrs. Sheldon Leonard became librarian of the Castleton Public Library in September succeeding Mrs. Bessie LeFevour who passed away suddenly this summer. Various activities for the children were launched, among them a Story Hour with various volunteers offering their services. --Troy Public Library Circulation, Reading and Reference Departments were redecorated this summer with very little dislocation of service. The radio broadcasts sponsored by the Library, discontinued during the summer, were started again in October. The Library is "On the Air" the first Sunday in the month over Station WTRY, at 10:45 p.m.

Steuben County. See Chemung County for cooperative TV program note. -- The Evening Leader featured the Corning Public Library in "This Week's Puzzler Photo". Readers were asked to identify the outstanding building of the Corning area with the entrance dominated by graceful columns. In giving the answer to the puzzle on another page a brief history of the library was given and full picture of the library shown.

Suffolk County. The new Coram Public Library opened its doors with a dedication ceremony on November 24.

Tompkins County. Friends of the Library have financed a project to rebuild the circulation desk at the Cornell Public Library, Ithaca. Mrs. Herbert T. Jenkins is the new librarian succeeding Thelma L. Harrington, who resigned to become librarian of the East Aurora Free Library.

Westchester County. Mamaroneck Free Library, in addition to a display of children's books, celebrated Book Week with many library activities including a memorial presentation in memory of a Mamaroneck policeman beloved by the children, story hours for various age groups each day and two shows of magic by Clayton Rawson, a local author. --On October 12, Chappaqua Library broke ground for an $80,000 wing to the library. Funds for this addition will come from private donations. Last year $60,000 was raised and the trustees hope to raise the remainder by the time the building is completed. The new wing will provide more than double the book capacity, new work quarters for the staff and a music listening room.



AND OF STATE-WIDE INTEREST

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Exchange Program Broadened: The U. S. Department of State has amended the exchange visitors program of the NYLA to include librarians from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden in addition to those from Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Anyone interested in exchanging with one of these countries should apply to Miss Mary Helen Mahar of the Garden City High School for application forms. The applications for Great Britain and Northern Ireland should be sent to Miss Mahar and applications for the other countries should be sent to Irving A. Verschoor, Library Extension Division, for processing.

Extension Division Exhibits at Home Bureau Conference: L. Marion Moshier, Director of the Library Extension Division, and Mrs. Anne C. Hulst, of the Traveling Libraries Section, exhibited recent books of interest to homemakers at the annual conference of the New York State Federation of Home Bureaus at Syracuse, November 15-17. Books which received the most attention were: "Golden Age of Homespun" by Von Wagenen,"Refinishing and Redecorating Furniture" by Mould and "Life Is Worth Living" by Sheen. A resolution passed at the 1952 conference favoring the development of larger library units was reread at a general meeting as a reminder to the members of the value of and need for county and regional libraries.

Dates to Remember: ALA reminds us of the following dates: February 2-6, 1954, Midwinter meeting in Chicago at the Morrison Hotel; June 20-26,1954, Annual Conference in the Twin Cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota; July 3-9, 1955, Annual Conference in Philadelphia.

New Catalog Cases for State Library: Fourteen new custom built catalog cases have been installed in the rotunda of the Education Building. Holding 2,528 trays, the new catalog cases will house the public catalog of the State Library's holdings. The new location will be readily accessible to practically all public service Sections of the State Library and will be especially convenient for patrons entering the library.

Award for Advanced Study: Librarians working with children and young people in either public or schools are eligible to apply for the E. P. Dutton - John Macrae Award for Advanced Study in the Field of Library Work with Children and Young People. This annual award of $1000 was established in July, 1952 by the E. P. Dutton Company as part of its centennial celebration. For full details and application blanks write to: Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, Chairman, E. P. Dutton-John Macrae Award Committee, the New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, New York 18, New York.

January 1

SONG OF THE WHITETHROAT. Windless, silent, under a low ceiling of gray, this first morning of the new year is like an echoing room. Sounds carry far as I walk the mile along the swamp edge, past the Insect Garden hillside and on to Milburn Pond. In a tangle of cat-briar and shadbush, near the edge of the frozen water, a white-throated sparrow is singing a snatch of its springtime song. Again and again, I hear the pure, ethereal strain, simple, moving, bringing back in memory a late spring day on a lake shore in the forests of Maine. No other voice among all the singers of nature affects me more deeply. The song of the white-throated sparrow -- how fine a beginning for a new year!

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